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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)

MUR 5328

Van Hollen for Congress and)

Jennifer Lewis Smith, as treasurer)

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT #3

I. ACTIONS RECOMMENDED

Accept the attached conciliation agreement with Van Hollen for Congress and Jennifer Lewis Smith, as treasurer, and close the file as to them.

II. DISCUSSION

On August 25, 2003, the Commission found reason to believe that Van Hollen for Congress and Jennifer Lewis Smith, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) by accepting contributions from affiliated committees that, when aggregated, exceeded the Act's contribution limits.

The Commission approved a conciliation agreement for Van Hollen for Congress, which has been signed by the treasurer with no changes. *See Attachment.* A check for the full amount of the civil penalty has been received. Accordingly, this Office recommends that the Commission accept the attached agreement and close the file as to Van Hollen for Congress and Jennifer Lewis Smith, as treasurer.

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III. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement from Van Hollen for Congress and Jennifer Lewis Smith, as treasurer, and close the file as to them.
2. Approve the appropriate letter.

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Attachment

Conciliation agreement from Van Hollen for Congress